

Potomac State College
of West Virginia University
Social Club



1996

Spring Banquet

April 27, 1996
Polish Pines
Keyser, West Virginia

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Honoring

25 Years of Service

**Lester K. Beavers
Charlotte A. Rawlings**

Retirement

**Elsie M. Carnell
Kenneth F. Haines
Helen F. Hines
Nancy M. Hockensmith
George Little
Dallas B. Shaffer
Francine G. Shanahan
Richard A. Smith
Charles D. Whitehill**

Program

Welcome

Peter Paulson
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Dinner

Introduction of Guests

Testimonials

Lester Beavers

Kenneth Haines

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Tony Whitmore

Helen Hines

Leontyne Peck

Nancy Hockensmith

Tony Whitmore

George Little

Joe Gratto

Richard Smith

Mildred Tryman

Charles Whitehill

Tony Whitmore

Presentation of Five Year Pins

Peter Paulson

Remarks

Kathryn A. Brailer

Lester H. Beavers

Lester Beavers is being honored for 25 years of service to Potomac State College as Interim Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Social Sciences and Education. Dr. Beavers also currently serves the College as Coordinator of Institutional Research.



At Potomac State, Lester has also served as Interim President, Coordinator of Assessment and Coordinator of the NCA Institutional Self Study.

In addition to Potomac State, Lester has experience as a faculty member at Universidad de Antioquia in Colombia, Fairmont State College, and the West Virginia University Department of Political Science. For six years, he was a member of the U.S. Peace Corps in Colombia.

Born in Berwind, WV, Lester earned his bachelor of arts degree in political science and sociology from West Virginia University in 1966. He also earned both a master's degree and doctorate in political science and sociology from West Virginia University.

He serves as an institutional representative to FACDIS and is very active on the state and local level with many institutional research projects and initiatives. Lester is a member of the WV Sociological Association and the WV Political Science Association. He has served both of those associations as president.

Lester's family includes his wife Jeannette, and sons Kevin and Tom.

Charlotte A. Rawlings

Charlotte Rawlings is being recognized for 25 years of service as an accountant in the business office of Potomac State College.

Charlotte was born in Antioch and attended Antioch and New Creek Elementary Schools. She is a graduate of Keyser High School.



In addition to Potomac State, Charlotte has work experience with the Hunt Wesson Foods Co. in Fullerton, CA, and the 3M Company in East Los Angeles.

Her family includes her husband, Lorn; children Debbie, Brenda, Donna, Clay and Misty; and six grandchildren.

Charlotte and her husband are ham radio enthusiasts. She also enjoys reading and crafts.

Francine G. Shanahan



Francine Shanahan is retiring as a resident director of Friend Hall. She has also served the College as housing coordinator and secretary to the Dean of Student Affairs.

A native of Keyser, Francine is a graduate of Bruce High School. She attended Potomac State College and Frostburg State College and Catherman's Business School.

Francine was an American Airlines stewardess prior to her employment at PSC.

She is a member of the Keyser Presbyterian Church, where she currently serves as an elder. She was previously a deacon of that Church.

Francine's daughter, Erin Williams, lives in Cumberland and has two children.

Francine plans to spend a lot of time with her daughter and grandchildren. She is also looking forward to traveling with a trip to Spain to visit her relatives at the top of her list. She also plans to become more active in her church and do a lot of reading.

Richard A. Smith

After 51 years of service to Potomac State College, Richard Smith is retiring with the longest employment record at Potomac State.

A native of Keyser, Rich attended Howard High School in Piedmont. He began working part-time after school and on weekends in the college cafeteria in 1945. In 1947, he joined the cafeteria staff full-time.

Rich has also worked in the Student Union, as a custodian in the Administration Building, and as a campus police officer.

He is a member of Potomac Lodge No. 41, Masonic Lodge, of which he is a past master. He also holds membership in Thotmes Temple of the Shrine, Fairmont. Rich is a member of the Keyser VFW, the Washington-Smith Post of the American Legion, and Janes United Methodist Church. Rich served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He was stationed in Korea for 14 months as a truck driver and also in an intelligence reconnaissance platoon.



He comes from a large family of seven brothers and four sisters. Rich has three children: Andrew, Allen, and Karen; and is a very proud grandfather to seven grandchildren.

Rich is an excellent ping pong player. An avid softball pitcher, Rich has played in the Cumberland Recreation League and the Rocking Chair League.

After his retirement, Rich plans to work with the youth of the Burlington Children's Home and other area youth in need of special attention. He also plans to do a lot of rabbit hunting with his beagles.

George Little

George Little is retiring as the chief financial officer of Potomac State College. George served the College for over six years from 1988 to 1995.



Born in Hazleton, PA, he is a graduate of Tamaqua High School. He received his bachelor of science in business administration from Lehigh University and his MBA from Indiana University.

His work experience prior to Potomac State includes Bucks County Community College, Johnson & Johnson, American Express, Merck, and U.S. Steel. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

George and his wife, Linda, own and operate Linda's Hallmark Shop in the Keyser Square. He has three children, Michelle, Susan and George, and five grandchildren.

George is a spectator sports enthusiast, enjoys the theater and traveling.

Dallas S. Shaffer

Dallas Shaffer is retiring as professor of political science. He has also served the college as chair of the Division of Social Sciences and adjunct professor of the West Virginia University Graduate Center at PSC.

Prior to his academic service at PSC, Dallas was an instructor at the Parkersburg branch of West Virginia University and an associate professor of history at Fairmont State College.



He is a graduate of the University of Richmond with a bachelor of arts in history and sociology. He received both his master of arts and his doctorate from West Virginia University.

Dallas has presented a number of research papers and has been an active member of the WV Department of Education review team for public school systems and of North Central Accreditation teams.

Dallas has served as a member of the board for the WV Humanities Council and the Potomac Valley Sheltered Workshop. He was a state liaison officer for Historic Preservation and has served on many state and campus level committees. A significant portion of his more recent committee work and representation has been related to social justice and affirmative action issues. Dallas is a licensed lay minister for the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. He is a member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Keyser.

He and his wife, Jennie, have three children, Franklin, Lynne, and Douglas. Lynne and her husband, Kelly Agnew have two children, Brendan and Kelsey.

Helen F. Hines

Helen Hines is retiring from Potomac State College's business office where she is the benefits coordinator and responsible for accounts payable.

Born in Esmont, VA, Helen is a graduate of Howard High School and Parkers Beauty School in Fairmont. She has also taken courses at the Vocational Technical Center in Keyser.

Helen was self-employed for over 16 years and has also worked for the Beauty School and the WV Department of Welfare.

She is a member of the Church of God in Christ in Piedmont, where she serves as Sunday School superintendent. She also teaches Sunday School and is secretary of the choir. She is active with the Tri-Towns Youth Outreach Program.



Helen's daughter Deonne Boyce, and her husband, John, have two children, Destiny and John Derek, and live in Columbus, OH. Her son, Langston and his wife, Anita, have five children, Brandon, Shannon, Chasity, Lindsey and Langston Jr. Langston is stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in Charleston, SC.

In her retirement, Helen looks forward to visiting with her children and grandchildren, traveling, and working with the Tri-Towns youth group.

Nancy M. Hockensmith

Being honored for retirement, Nancy Hockensmith has served Potomac State College for over 30 years. She is retiring as a full professor of biology. She received both undergraduate and graduate degrees from West Virginia University.

During her years of academic service, Nancy has held the position of Dean of the College, chair of the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences and Mathematics, coordinator of athletics, academic administrative liaison, associate dean, and interim chief executive officer.

Nancy is a member of many professional associations including the American Association of University Women, WV Academy of Science, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Epsilon Delta, The Nature Conservancy, WV Association of Academic Deans, Keyser Rotary Club, and the WV Public Radio Citizens Advisory Committee.



Along with her numerous academic and civic associations, Nancy is Commissioner of the WV Women's Commission, holding appointments from three governors over the past seven years. She was a member of the board of directors of the Mineral County Development Authority and the Governor's Partnership for Progress.

Nancy was honored as a Distinguished West Virginian by Governor Gaston Caperton in 1994. She was instrumental in the initiation of the PSC and Mineral County Earth Week activities and was the charter sponsor of the PSC Life Sciences Club.

Elsie M. Carnell

Elsie Carnell is retiring from her position as a data technician in the College's Computer Center.

She was born in Beryl, WV and is a graduate of Piedmont High School.

Prior to working for Potomac State, Elsie had experience with PEPCO in Washington, D.C., and the Moran Trucking Company.

She is a member of the Bloomington Methodist Church, where she serves on the Board of Trustees.

Elsie and her husband, Herbert, have a son, John Foote, and daughter, Lisa Maloney. They have two grandchildren, Clint and David Foote.

She loves to travel and looks forward to having time to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Kenneth F. Haines

After more than four decades of teaching French, Spanish, German, and English at Potomac State College, Kenneth Haines is retiring. Professor Haines' 44 years of



service affords him the distinction of having the most seniority of any faculty member on any of the three West Virginia University campuses.

A Keyser native, he graduated from Keyser High School and earned an associate of arts degree from Potomac State. He earned his bachelor of arts from West Virginia University in 1952 and his master of arts from WVU in 1953. He has also studied at the Sorbonne, University of Paris; Indiana University, Laval University in Quebec, and McGill University in Montreal.

He has received many honors including Outstanding Professor, the Distinguished Service Award from the PSC Alumni Association, the establishment of a scholarship in his name by friends, and the W.E. Michael Community Citizen Award. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa Education Honorary, the Keyser Presbyterian Church where he serves as an elder, and the Keyser Rotary Club.

Professor Haines has been faculty adviser to Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society from 1967 to 1995. He has also tirelessly served the PSC Alumni Association and Foundation in many capacities.

An avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he looks forward to travel and reading while staying active in the Alumni Association and Foundation.

Charles D. Whitehill

Charles Whitehill is being honored tonight as he retires from his position as professor of music at Potomac State College.

Born in Wana, WV, Whitehill received his undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees from West Virginia University. In addition to his current teaching position, Charlie has also served PSC as chairperson of the Music Department and chairperson of the Division of Arts and Humanities.



He has been recognized as a WVU Outstanding Teacher in 1971-72 and as PSC's Outstanding Professor in 1992-93. He was the recipient of the Region VIII Bandmaster's Award in 1986. He has received both a Certificate of Appreciation and Merit from the Keyser Ministerial Association in 1991 and 1995, respectively.

Charlie was the band director at Clay-Battelle High School, and instrumental and vocal music teacher at Belington High School, a graduate assistant in music education and brass teaching at WVU, and an instrumental music school teacher in West Palm Beach, FL.

He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, West Virginia Bandmasters Association and the West Virginia College Music Educators.

Charlie and his wife, Rebecca, have a son, Rhoades. Whitehill's Vineyard was established in 1979, and Charlie became vice president and winemaker of West-Whitehill Winery from 1980-88. He is the founder and current owner of Potomac Highland Winery.

Charlie hopes to continue to teach part-time for the

**A Roster of Those Who Have Served
Potomac State College
For 25 Years or More**

*Ida Menefee	1902-1934
*William D. Anthony	1913-1946
*Rebecca Z. Carroll	1924-1966
*Ernest Kissinger	1935-1970
*Dana G. Lough	1935-1970
*Gertrude S. Stanhagen	1935-1973
*Ernest E. Church	1936-1964
*Kirkland S. McKee	1936-1963
*Ervin L. Dayton	1937-1970
*Nancy M. Miller	1937-1967
*Isabella R. Clifford	1938-1970
David G. Nuzum	1938-1977
*Mary F. Shipper Byrer	1938-1973
*Albert O. Willhide	1938-1943
	1945-1972
Elizabeth Atwater Alexander	1939-1978
Leonard G. Withers	1939-1973
*James T. Handlan, Jr.	1942-1977
*Walter A. Jaworek	1942-1972
*Walter H. Boone	1943-1972
*Viola U. Lough	1943-1970
*Leontine B. Nuzum	1943-1973
Richard A. Smith	1945-1996
*Helen C. Criner	1946-1978
Paul F. Iverson	1946-1975
William E. Michael	1946-1979
Dewey V. Rotruck	1946-1982
Helen M. Hartman	1946-1947
	1957-1983
*Allen E. Murphy	1948-1985
Raymond H. Tasker	1949-1985
*Marion B. Fallon	1950-1956
	1962-1983
Kenneth F. Haines	1952-1996

*Albert A. Strother	1952-1979
*Rosie L. Wilson	1952-1979
Irene B. Hartman	1953-1983
Alan H. Paine	1954-1982
Thelma L. O'Connor	1955-1984
*Alyce Mae Smith	1955-1985
Oscar H. Gustafson	1956-1988
Wayman D. Hoalcraft	1956-1993
Elizabeth P. Hanlin	1957-1982
*Virginia E. Johnson	1957-1984
*J. Ernest Staggs	1957-1959
	1961-1985
Jack M. Hartman	1959-1986
*Kenneth M. Malone	1960-1985
Jasper T. Morris	1960-1987
Mary Evelyn Coffman	1961-1986
*Frank H. Stewart	1961-1988
Charles D. Whitehill	1961-1996
Richard A. Davis	1963
William H. Gallier	1963-1992
Betty J. Howard	1963-1989
Larry G. Bolyard	1964
Nancy M. Hockensmith	1965-1996
Harlene K. Ellis	1966-1995
Betty J. Haines	1966-1993
Francine G. Shanahan	1966-1996
David A. Whetzel	1966-1993
Dallas B. Shaffer	1967-1996
D. Anthony Whitmore	1967
Robert V. Doll	1968
William C. Edel	1969
Linda S. Lancaster	1969
Jeff R. Miller	1969
George T. Arnold	1970
Jack L. Reynolds	1970
Wanda L. Twyman	1970
Lester K. Beavers	1971
Charlotte A. Rawlings	1971

**Deceased*

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1995-96

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